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1. The election of group III (claims 17-19; and nucleotides (component), cyanine dye (type of dye) as species with traverse, filed on 3/4//02, paper number 10, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have elected group III (claims 17-19) with traverse, and requested to combine group II claims, however applicants have not elected a species for the 'reactive group' as requested in the previous office action, and further applicants are requested to elect a specific group for X and Y. Applicants are requested to elect species as requested for examination of the claims.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CAR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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